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27 March 2019

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REF: FOIA Cases F-2019-00063

Dear Mr. Pierce:

This is in response to your request dated 12 March 2019 and received by the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 13 March 2019. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you requested, "All briefs, emails, records, and any other documents on, about, mentioning, or concerning the creation of the NROL-71 logo."

We have processed your request in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. A thorough search of our records and databases located two documents responsive to your request. One document is being released to you in full. The other document is being released to you in part.

Material withheld from release is denied pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), as properly classified information under Executive Order 13526, Sections 1.4(c); and pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3), which is the basis for withholding information exempt from disclosure by statute. The relevant withholding statute is 10 U.S.C. § 424, which provides (except as required by the President or for information provided to Congress), that no provision of law shall be construed to require the disclosure of the organization or any function of the NRO; the number of persons employed by or assigned or detailed to the NRO; or the name or official title, occupational series, grade, or salary of any such person.

Additionally, the information meets criteria specified in 1.7(e) of the Executive Order 13526 that a series of unclassified items in the document in the aggregate reveal associations or relationships not otherwise revealed in the unclassified items individually, and these aggregate associations and relationships meet the standards for classification and are not otherwise revealed in the individual items of information.

You have the right to appeal this determination to the NRO Appellate Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715, within 90 days of the above date. You may also submit an appeal electronically through the National FOIA Portal at www.foia.gov or via email to FOIA@nro.mil. Please include an explanation of the reason(s) for your appeal as part of your submission. The FOIA also provides that you may seek dispute resolution for any adverse determination through the NRO FOIA Public Liaison and/or through

the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). Please refer to the OGIS public web page at www.ogis.archive.gov for additional information.

If you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number F-2019-00063.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Allman

FOIA Public Liaison

Enclosures:

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